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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 25, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Each XML automation script created by a trading partner will preferably specify the actions required to wait for any input data to be used in that partner's processing (for example, actions that enable determining when the appropriate input data has been received), and to act on data inputs iteratively until the processing thereof is complete. The actions to be taken could include XML transformations, handing off data to specific logic processes, or both. XML transformations that may be performed include use of high-performance transformations such as merging document content, changing entities to attributes or attributes to entities, deleting document content, and other transformations of the type defined in U. S. Patent ————— 6,941,511 (serial number 09/653,080, filed 08/31/2000), which is entitled "High-Performance Extensible Document Transformation" and is referred to hereinafter as "the related invention". Preferably, high-performance transformations of this type are performed for documents in a critical path for the performing of an e-business service. Other types of XML transformations that may be performed include application of conventional stylesheets and transformations performed using specially customized logic. The handing off of data to other logic processes serves to integrate foreign processing with the script, where this foreign processing may be other scripts, local software processes (such as application-specific code that has been installed in this trading partner's computing environment), external software processes located at a partner's site, or some combination thereof.

Please amend the Abstract, found after the claims, as set out on page 3 of this paper, i.e., on a separate sheet per 37 CFR 1.72:

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